Pakistan. Pakistan has not responded positively to these offers.

Israeli offer for sending commandos

376. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Israeli Government have made an offer to send their Crack Commandos who are known to be expert in tackling hostage issues for securing the release of foreign hostages held in captivity by Al-Faran;

(b) whether Government have accepted their offer; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Action on the findings of the National Commission on Women

377. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKINATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what follow-up action has been taken by Government of UP on the findings of the National Commission of Women relating to the atrocities on women at Muzaffarnagar on 2nd/3rd October, 1994; and

(b) whether Government have granted permission to CBI to prosecute the guilty officers involved directly or indirectly with the above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. MEIJINLUNG KAMSON): (a) The report of the National Commission for Women, on the allegations on atrocities on women on 2nd/3rd October, 1994 was forwarded to the State Govt. of U.P. on 30.11.1994 for taking necessary action. In the meantime a CBI enquiry was also instituted to probe various incidents connected with Uttarakhand agitation including the allegations of molestation of women at Muzaffarnagar. The State Government of U.P. is taking further action in the matter on the basis of the CBI reports in the matter.

(b) The Government of Uttar Pradesh has granted such permission.

US Military package to Pakistan

378. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether US Congress recently adopted a proposal to transfer $ 370 million military package to Pakistan;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decision to protest such a deal;

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(d) what immediate steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. India's serious concern in this regard was conveyed unambiguously at each stage of the legislative process in the US Congress, to the US Government as well as to US Congressmen and Senators.

(d) Government are determined to take all necessary measures to counter the adverse effect of the transfer of US military equipment to Pakistan.

Declaring of state roads as national highways in Maharashtra

379. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has sent a proposal on the 30th July, 1995 for declaring 11 State roads as National Highways;

(b) the amount proposed to be